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UM INTERNATIONAL WEEK OFFERS APRIL 12 EVENTS

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana's International Week comes alive Wednesday, April 12, with free events that explore themes from around the world.

The night kicks off at 6 p.m. with a lecture in Urey Lecture Hall titled "Unraveling Ethnic Identity: Re-examination of Chicano Ethnohistory" by James Diego Vigil, an anthropology professor and director of the Center for Urban Poverty at the University of California at Los Angeles. Vigil will answer questions from 7 to 7:30 p.m., and a reception will follow in the Davidson Honors College from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Vigil has devoted most of his career to understanding the dynamics of ethnicity and social class among Chicanos. He has authored numerous books, including "Rainbow Gangs: Breakdown of Social Control in Los Angeles," and he has received the Educator of the Year Award from the League of United Latin American Citizens. His visit is sponsored by UM's La Raza Unida, Diversity Advisory Council, McNair Scholars Program, anthropology department, liberal arts department and International Programs Office.

After the lecture people can watch Wednesday's installment of the Multicultural Film Series. Two films will be shown in Urey Lecture Hall, starting at 7:30 p.m. "Voices of

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Challenge: Hmong Women in Transition” documents the experiences and insights of Hmong women who fled the Vietnam War to settle in the United States. “Children of the Camps” focuses on the long-term effects on Japanese-American children of World War II internment in U.S. concentration camps.

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